

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
June 10, 2010
Minutes

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Chris Kueffner, Secretary, Martha Kelly, Min Lin, Holly Matthews, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: Rochelle Marcus and Norma Posocco, grade eight teachers, presented the Mansfield Middle School Debate Team, Mehnaz Madraswalla, Alyssa Coulter, Emily Sweeney, Lucia Pratto, Aidan Richards, Thomas Gui, Erica Blum, Allison Koehler, Rebecca Kaufman, and Katie Javaruski. Gayle Hightower and Lisa Morrell presented Alexandra Provasas who recited a poem in Greek and Emily Sweeney who recited a poem in German. These students also recited their poems at the COLT Poetry Festival.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Board received a letter from Covenant Soup Kitchen thanking for donation in honor of Mansfield Public Schools staff during Staff Appreciation Week.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: **MOTION** by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to modify the Executive Session for discussion of confidential student matter. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Teacher of Year Committee: Mrs. Kelly reported that Mary Lee Geary, kindergarten teacher at Goodwin, is Mansfield's 2011 Teacher of Year. Goodwin Bequest Committee: Mrs. Kelly reported that Lydia Russell published the first Mansfield Kids Community Action Newspaper (C-A-N). Personnel Committee: Ms. Patwa reported that the wage agreement between the UPSEU and Mansfield Board of Education through June 30, 2012 has been signed. Town Sustainability Committee: Ms. Matthews reported that the committee wants to be involved in the school building project as it develops.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- Summer Enrichment Program: Melissa Mitchell discussed an opportunity for Mansfield students to take part in Renzulli Learning this summer. **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus, to support Renzulli Learning program for grade 3-8 students during the 2010 summer. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- Books on the Bus/Library Media Services Update: Linda Robinson reported that once again the district will provide neighborhood access during the summer to a wide variety of public library materials, continued collaboration between our school and public libraries, awareness of summer reading programs, and encouraging continued summer reading. She reviewed the successes of the various library programs this year, including One School One Read, and the implementation of the Follet/Destiny circulation program.
- Language Arts/Reading and Mathematics Update - Karen Moylan, Mathematics Consultant and Judy Shay, Reading/Language Arts Consultant reviewed fall district assessment scores and their implications.
- Teacher Evaluation Report: Mr. Baruzzi presented the annual report on professional staff evaluations.
- District AYP Plan: Mr. Baruzzi discussed the district's 3 year improvement plan.
- RTTT Thank You Letter: Mr. Baruzzi presented the Commissioner of Education's thank you letter to district's participating in phase two of RTTT.
- Enhancing Student Achievement: One new project was reviewed and will be implemented at the schools in support of this activity. **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to spend the balance of the 2009-2010 fund to purchase Library Media books and material. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor
- Class Size/Enrollment: The principals reported no significant change in class size and enrollment.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: **MOTION** by Ms. Patwa, seconded Ms. Matthews that the following item for the Board of Education meeting of June 10, 2010 be approved or received for the record with one edit to the June 2, 2010 minutes: **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the May 13, 2010 and June 2, 2010 Board meetings.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: None.

MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded Ms. Lin to move into Executive Session to discuss superintendent evaluation and a confidential student matter at 9:56pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
Ms. Matthews left at 10:00pm.
Returned to Open Session at 12:01am.

MOTION by Mr. Kueffner, seconded Ms. Lin extend the contract for the Superintendent for one year and offer an increase of 3%. **VOTE:** Mr. Walikonis, Ms. Lin, Mr. Kueffner, Ms. Patwa, Mr. LaPlaca, Mrs. Paulhus, Ms. Silver-Bernstein in favor; Mrs. Kelly opposed. Motion passed.

MOTION by Mrs. Kelley, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein that the singletons received 2% increase with no step movement. **VOTE:** Mrs. Kelly, Ms. Silver-Bernstein in favor; Mr. Walikonis, Ms. Lin, Mr. Kueffner, Ms. Patwa, Mr. LaPlaca, Mrs. Paulhus opposed. Motion failed.

MOTION by Ms. Patwa, seconded by Ms. Lin that the singletons receive an increase of 2% plus step movement. **VOTE:** Mr. Walikonis, Ms. Lin, Ms. Patwa, Mr. LaPlaca in favor; Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Kueffner, Ms. Silver-Bernstein, Mrs. Paulhus opposed. Motion failed.

MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded Mr. Kueffner that the singletons not already at the top step receive step movement but 0% increase and the singletons that are already at the top receive a 2% wage increase. **VOTE:** Mr. Kueffner and Mrs. Paulhus in favor; Mr. Walikonis, Ms. Lin, Mrs. Kelly, Ms. Patwa, Mr. LaPlaca, Ms. Silver-Bernstein opposed. Motion failed.

MOTION by Mr. LaPlaca, seconded by Mr. Walikonis, 2% increase for all singletons, step movement beginning January 1, 2011 if applicable. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to adjourn at 12:20am. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk